

**In the Claims:**

1-8 (canceled)

9. (currently amended) A carrier for an article having first and second opposed surfaces both of which are generally normal to the ~~article's~~ periphery of the article, which comprises:

a member having an article-periphery-conformal aperture therethrough, the aperture ~~being adapted to receive~~ receiving the article when the member is in a first orientation;

a first cover removably ~~asociable~~ associated with one side of the member to render the aperture a blind aperture into which blind aperture an article is insertable with the first surface abutting the first cover and the second surface exposed;

a second cover removably ~~asociable~~ associated with ~~the~~ another side of the member to render the blind aperture a closed aperture in which closed aperture an inserted article may be held, the member being manipulable into a second orientation wherein the second surface abuts the second cover so that the article is presented with the first ~~side~~ surface exposed following removal of the ~~second~~ first cover.

10. (previously presented) A package which includes the carrier of Claim 9, and wherein:

the carrier contains plural apertures,  
one or more articles are carried in the apertures, and  
both covers are associated with the member.

11. (canceled)

12. (previously presented) The carrier of Claim 9, wherein said member has a height substantially equal to the height of said article.

13. (currently amended) A carrier for an article having first and second opposed surfaces both of which are generally normal to the ~~article's~~ periphery of the article, which comprises:

a member having an article-periphery-conformal aperture therethrough, the aperture ~~receiving being adapted to receive~~ the article when the member is in a first orientation;

a first cover removably ~~asseeiable~~ associated with one side of the member to render the aperture a blind aperture into which blind aperture an article is insertable with the first surface abutting the first cover and the second surface exposed;

a second cover removably ~~asseeiable~~ associated with the other side of the member to render the blind aperture a closed aperture in which closed aperture an inserted article may be held, the member being manipulatable into a second orientation wherein the second surface abuts the second cover so that the article is presented with the first side surface exposed following removal of the first cover.

14. (previously presented) A package which includes the carrier of Claim 13, and wherein:

the carrier contains plural apertures;

one or more articles are carried in the apertures, and

both covers are associated with the member.

15. (previously presented) The carrier of Claim 13, wherein said member has a height substantially equal to the height of said article.